

United States Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
Commodity Procurement Staff  
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20250-0239

#### Information

Description: AG-FMIS-S-15-0098-P0001  
Bid invitation number: 2000003366  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 05/27/2015 13:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 06/10/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 06/10/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Amendment Text :

5/29/15: Amendment A01 changed the destination for 120,000 pounds of Sweet Potato Fresh Bulk Proc. SF-30 is attached.

##### Tendering text - Header :

Bulk Potatoes, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003366

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell bulk potatoes pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, June 24, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between October 16, 2015 and December 15, 2015.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh vegetables are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certifications process, and must score at least 80% on EACH of the following element: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback.

In addition to the GHP, vendor or subcontractors/suppliers are also required to undergo the Good Agricultural Practices(GAP)certification process. This requirement must be met prior to bid opening. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

In order to verify that the contractor is in compliance with GAP/GHP certification, contractors are required to:

- a. Submit a list of all certified GAP/GHP suppliers to be used in the performance of the contract with their bid. List of suppliers must be uploaded with their bids in WBSCM;
- b. Contact USDA/AMS after contract award to request that additional GAP/GHP certified suppliers be added to the approved list on the purchase order and include a copy of each suppliers certification;

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. The first time non compliance occurs AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant

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deliveries

2. The second time non compliance occurs:

- a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
- b. The contract will be terminated for default; and
- c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one (1) year from the date of contract termination.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop. Also, note that each lot for the split shipments must have the same price.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this Solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2014; Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated June 2014; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202) 720-2782.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . BULK PRODUCTS AMENDMENT NO 1 MAY 2013
- 2 . BULK PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AUG 2012
- 3 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2015
- 4 . SF 30 Amendment A01

**Attributes :**

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13). MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24

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MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

	Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10</b>	<b>VEGETABLE, FRESH</b>						
<b>20</b>	<b>POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ</b>						
<b>30</b>	<b>CALDWELL ID</b>						
40	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	83605	3,400,000	LB
50	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	83605	1,640,000	LB
60	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	83605	2,480,000	LB
70	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	83605	1,140,000	LB
<b>80</b>	<b>EASTON ME</b>						
90	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	04740	8,440,000	LB
100	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	04740	8,240,000	LB
110	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	04740	7,800,000	LB
120	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	04740	5,240,000	LB
<b>130</b>	<b>JAMESTOWN ND</b>						
140	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	58401	680,000	LB
150	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	58401	40,000	LB
160	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	58401	160,000	LB
170	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	58401	40,000	LB
<b>180</b>	<b>CONNELL WA</b>						
190	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	99326	5,920,000	LB
200	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	99326	3,320,000	LB
210	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	99326	3,580,000	LB
220	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	99326	3,360,000	LB
<b>230</b>	<b>PASCO WA</b>						
240	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	99301	120,000	LB
250	100506		POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	99301	1,760,000	LB

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260	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	99301	40,000	LB
<b>270 PLOVER WI</b>						
280	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	54467	7,860,000	LB
290	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	54467	6,920,000	LB
300	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	54467	6,280,000	LB
310	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	54467	4,520,000	LB
<b>Total Quantity for POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ</b>					<b>82,980,000</b>	<b>LB</b>
<b>320 POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK</b>						
<b>330 BLACKFOOT ID</b>						
340	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	83221	2,520,000	LB
350	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	83221	1,760,000	LB
360	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	83221	1,080,000	LB
370	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	83221	1,040,000	LB
<b>380 IDAHO FALLS ID</b>						
390	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	83402	1,245,903	LB
400	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	83402	740,000	LB
410	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	83402	480,000	LB
420	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	83402	280,000	LB
<b>430 MOSES LAKE WA</b>						
440	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	10/16/2015-10/31/2015	98837	840,000	LB
450	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	98837	520,000	LB
460	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	11/16/2015-11/30/2015	98837	120,000	LB
470	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	98837	200,000	LB
<b>Total Quantity for POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK</b>					<b>10,825,903</b>	<b>LB</b>

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480 SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC						
510 DELHI LA						
520	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	10/29/2015-10/31/2015	71232	760,000	LB
530	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	11/13/2015-11/15/2015	71232	400,000	LB
540	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	11/28/2015-11/30/2015	71232	440,000	LB
550	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	12/13/2015-12/15/2015	71232	160,000	LB
560 GRAND FORKS ND						
570	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	10/29/2015-10/31/2015	58203	160,000	LB
580	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	11/13/2015-11/15/2015	58203	80,000	LB
590	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	11/28/2015-11/30/2015	58203	40,000	LB
600	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	12/13/2015-12/15/2015	58203	140,000	LB
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC					2,180,000	LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					95,985,903	LB

**Amendment Details**

Amendment : AG-FMIS-S-15-0098-P0001

Date : 05/29/2015

Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
		Field	Old Value	UOM
DELETE	490		CALDWELL ID	Bid/Offer item
DELETE	500	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	Bid/Offer item
CHANGE	520	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	Bid/Offer item
		Quantity	720,000	LB
CHANGE	570	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	Bid/Offer item
		Quantity	80,000	LB
DELETE	610		CONNELL WA	Bid/Offer item
DELETE	620	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	Bid/Offer item



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